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1. [] ANALYZED THE POTENTIAL USE OF PLASTIC SPOOLS AS REQUESTED BY REF. THE SPOOLS CONSIDERED WERE PROVIDED WITH THE [] POSITIVES OF THE FIRST 18 PARTS OF COPY 3, [] AND THE FIRST 10 PARTS OF COPY 1, MISSION 1045-1.

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2. [] CONSIDERS THE SPOOLS TO BE TOO FRAGILE FOR PRACTICAL USE. THE FLANGES WERE FOUND TO BREAK UNDER CONDITIONS CONSIDERED NORMAL IN THE FILM HANDLING PHASE OF MISSION EXPLOITATION. BROKEN SPOOL FLANGES REPRESENT A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF FILM DAMAGE, AN INCONVENIENCE TO THE FILM HANDLING PROCEDURES AND A PROBABLE SOURCE OF INJURY TO PERSONNEL.

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3. THERE WAS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT AMONG THOSE CANVASSED THAT THERE WOULD BE DISTINCT VALUE IN PLASTIC REELS IF THEY COULD BE MADE MORE DURABLE. BENEFITS MENTIONED WERE:

A. THE PLASTIC REELS ARE LIGHTER IN WEIGHT.

B. THE PLASTIC REEL EDGES ARE SMOOTHER, LESS LIKELY TO CAUSE FILM DAMAGE OR PHYSICAL HARM TO THE ANALYST.

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